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Title: METHOD FOR ADAPTIVE CRITICAL  
PATH DELAY ESTIMATION DURING TIMING  
DRIVEN PLACEMENT FOR HIERARCHICAL  
PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC DEVICES

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.36 and 3.71, **ALTERA CORPORATION**, ("assignee"), a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California 95134, assignee of record of the entire interest of the above-identified application, hereby revokes all powers of attorney previously given and appoints the following attorneys and agents to prosecute and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Steve D Beyer (Reg. No. 31,234); Jeffrey K. Weaver (Reg. No. 31,314); C. Douglass Thomas (Reg. No. 32,947); Jonathan O. Scott (Reg. No. 39,364); James E. Austin (Reg. No. 39,489); Joseph M. Villeneuve (Reg. No. 37,460); Michael L. Louie (Reg. No. 36,988); Mary R. Olynick (Reg. No. 42,963); Dean E. Wolf (Reg. No. 37,260); Elise R. Heilbrunn (Reg. No. 42,649); Michael J. Ferrazano (Reg. No. 44,105), Thomas C. Sylke (Reg. No. 32,312), Russell N. Swerdon (Reg. No. 36,943); Godfrey K. Kwan (Reg. No. 46,850) all of the law firm of BEYER, WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP, and Derek E. Minihane, Reg. No. 39,774, and James M. Wu, Reg. No. 45,241, of ALTERA CORPORATION, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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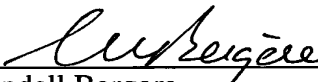
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, assignee certifies that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-referenced patent application and represents that the undersigned is a representative authorized and empowered to sign on behalf of the assignee. Assignee has reviewed the assignment document that evidences the placement of title in the assignee, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.71, the assignee hereby states that prosecution of the above-referenced patent application is to be conducted to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

Date Aug. 13, 2001

  
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